

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 2 and 3.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

Please substitute the following claim 1 for the currently pending claim 1:

1. (Amended) A method of providing security during operation of a self-service checkout terminal, comprising the steps of:

creating a transaction table which includes a plurality of records
corresponding respectively to a plurality of items entered into the checkout
terminal during a checkout procedure;

analyzing the plurality of records;

generating a characteristic value in response to the analyzing step;

comparing the characteristic value to a characteristic trigger point and
generating a characteristic control signal in response thereto;

updating an electronic log value based on the characteristic control signal;
and

comparing the log value to a log threshold and generating a personnel
signal in response thereto.

Please add the following new claims ~~21~~-32 as follows:

~~14~~ ¹⁴21. (New) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of summoning retail personnel to investigate a customer's transaction in response to generation of the personnel signal.

~~15~~ ¹⁴22. (New) The method of claim ~~21~~, wherein the summoning step includes the step of paging retail personnel.

~~16~~ ²³23. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the characteristic control signal is generated in response to the characteristic value exceeding the characteristic trigger point.

~~17~~ ²⁴24. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the personnel control signal is generated in response to the log value exceeding the log threshold.

~~21~~ ²⁵25. (New) The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of summoning retail personnel to investigate a customer's transaction in response to generation of the personnel signal.

~~22~~ ²¹26. (New) The method of claim ~~25~~, wherein the summoning step includes the step of paging retail personnel.

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23 27. (New) The method of claim ~~16~~, wherein the identical item control signal is generated in response to the identical item value exceeding the identical item trigger point.

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28. (New) The method of claim 17, wherein the personnel control signal is generated in response to the log value exceeding the log threshold.

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27 29. (New) The method of claim ~~20~~, further comprising the step of summoning retail personnel to investigate a customer's transaction in response to generation of the personnel signal.

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~~28~~ 30. (New) The method of claim ~~29~~, wherein the summoning step includes the step of paging retail personnel.

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29 31. (New) The method of claim ~~30~~, wherein the average item control signal is generated in response to the average item value exceeding the average item trigger point.

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32. (New) The method of claim 20, wherein the personnel control signal is generated in response to the log value exceeding the log threshold.
